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SUBJECT: PRICE FREEZE MODIFICATIONS

REF: A) OSLO 779, B) OSLO 745

1. ON MARCH 18 NORWAY'S CONSUMER AFFAIRS MINISTRY ANNOUNCED A CHANGE IN THE GROUND RULES FOR THE PRICE FREEZE IMPOSED ON FEBRUARY 10 (REFTELS). PRICES FOR IMPORTED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, MOTORS, ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS FOR USE IN EXISTING PRODUCTION PROCESSES, AND SALT MAY NOW BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE MOST RECENT DEVALUATION AND SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE RATE MOVES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FURTHER AMENDMENTS MAY BE IN THE WORKS, PARTICULARLY FOR IMPORTED MOTOR VEHICLES.

2. COMMENT: THE GON APPEARS TO HAVE GONE A STEP TOO FAR IN DECREETING AN ABSOLUTE PRICE FREEZE ON IMPORTS (EARLIER PRICE FREEZES PERMITTED SOME ADJUSTMENTS FOR CURRENCY RATE CHANGES) AND HAS HAD TO BACK DOWN. WITH WAGE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY THAT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL ONLY IF LABOR IS SATISFIED THAT
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THERE WILL BE CONTINUING PRICE STABILITY, A MODERATE ADJUSTMENT IN PRICES OF ESSENTIAL IMPORTS NOW WAS DEEMED PREFERABLE TO CONTINUING NOISY PUBLIC CHARGES BY BUSINESSMEN THAT PRICES MUST GO UP, BY AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT, AT SOME TIME AFTER THE WAGE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.
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